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GRIEF AND JOY AT MANILA

Many Hong Kong Volunteers Arriving From Japan

SMALL MAIL FROM ENGLAND

Hong Kong yesterday received its first mail from the United Kingdom, since the re-occupation. It was a small batch arriving by plane from Manila together with mails from Australia and Fiji.

ROOM FOR ALL

A REPATRIATION SHIP WITH ACCOMMODATION FOR 1,200 PASSENGERS IS EXECUTED IN THE COLONY IN A DAY OR TWO, AND ACCORDING TO THE PRESENT PROGRAMME SHOULD BE READY TO SAIL ON OR ABOUT OCTOBER 1.

It was officially disclosed also yesterday that no definite information has yet been received on the date of arrival of the vessel bringing 600 liberated internees from Shanghai.

If however, they reach Hong Kong in time, as many as possible will be embarked in the repatriation ship leaving on October 1, as it is most unlikely that there will be sufficient Hong Kong repatriation who are ready and willing to leave at this time to fill berthing accommodation for 1,200.

REPARATIONS ORDER

WIESBADEN, SEPT. 26.—GENERAL EISENHOWER YESTERDAY DECREED THAT FIVE HUGE INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS IN THE UNITED STATES OCCUPATION ZONE IN GERMANY BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR REPARATIONS.

The undertakings include the underground Pöles station shipyards at Bremen, Germany's largest works for the manufacture of ball bearings at Schweinfurt, and the zinc works at Munich.

The works will be dismantled immediately under the supervision of Allied military and government officers, but it has not yet been decided to what nations the dismantled parts will be sent. — Reuter.

RICKSHA FARES

The Ricksha Syndicate have fixed the following fares for ricksha passengers: 10 cents for less than 10 minutes; 20 cents for more than 10 minutes; 40 cents for more than 30 minutes; and 60 cents for an hour.

N.Y. LIFT STRIKE

New York, Sept. 26. The lift strike in down-town New York has paralysed the business centre with more than a million people unable to reach their offices, except under great inconvenience. The strike has now lasted three days and there is a threat of its extension to the apartment house areas. — Reuter.

JOYCE APPEAL

London, Sept. 26. William Joyce and his legal advisers were working to-day in London prison on arrangements for his appeal against the death sentence. His counsel said the appeal would be lodged with the prescribed 10 days. — Reuter.

SPATE OF CABLES

Cable and Wireless announced in London yesterday that since the re-opening of communications they had been receiving cables from liberated internees and prisoners of war at the rate of one every 15 seconds. The total now exceeded 54,000. — Reuter.

Tragic News For Some: Reunions In Empress

MANY HONG KONG PRISONERS-OF-WAR WHO WERE SENT TO JAPAN HAVE ARRIVED IN MANILA. THIS WAS REVEALED MORE FULLY YESTERDAY WHEN MAIL FROM THE "EMPEROR OF AUSTRALIA" ARRIVED AND WAS DISTRIBUTED.

IN A LETTER DATED THE 14TH THE WRITER SAYS THEY ARRIVED IN MANILA ON THE 12TH AND THEY WERE UNAWARE OF WHERE THEY WERE GOING TO WHEN THEY LEFT THE PHILIPPINES.

The writer goes on, "Last night at midnight about eight Hong Kong released prisoners from Japan arrived on board. It was announced through the loudspeaker: everyone was in bed, but there was an immediate rush on deck. Jimmy Ferguson was one of them and had terrible news for Hilda Angus. George died last January.

"Mrs. Rossetti, Betty Brown, Babs Edwards and Mrs. May White were among the lucky ones who sat up with their husbands all night. They have to return to-day; they only broke camp last night.

ONLY STANLEYITES LEFT

"Incidentally, we have only Stanley folk left on board. All the Volunteers, Canadians, etc. were taken off here except those with wives and families on board.

"We are in a 12-birth cabin but it's really not too bad, and considering that it's been a complete lottery, no discrimination at all. We've been quite lucky. The meals are lovely, though I do miss my amah's lav and shower!"

"We've been told that we're waiting for a signal from Admiral Frazer as to where we're to go from here, but I shan't mind if it's held up a while now that things have begun to happen."

VOLUNTEERS FLYING

"They're flying the men from Okinawa, very uncomfortably, because they have to travel in the part where the bombs are supposed to be. Several have already left on hospital ships including Mrs. Dyer's husband and Winifred White's and Mrs. Hillion's."

"The fellows came on board dressed in 'gobs' clothes complete with hat. They say the American Red Cross is being wonderful to them, bless them, and they're being outfitted in Nylon! I believe they're being taken to Australia, so we'll be seeing you."

LATER MESSAGE

The letter of the 17th reads: "Here we are still in Manila harbour and likely to be for another couple of days, then we proceed to Singapore, where we'll be disembarked people not bound for the U.K. Before one can go to Australia one must have relations."

"All the Canadians, R.N., R.N.R., R.N.V.R. and all military, including Volunteers (not having wives or families on board) disembarked here and are in a camp about 10 miles out of Manila. No women were allowed ashore. Manila is badly damaged. We went alongside to put the troops off so could see a little of the damage."

STIRRING SIGHT

"It was a stirring sight. All ambulances were lined up for sick cases, buses for the men, then the band came along and played popular music, and when they played the National Anthem, where everyone joined in, many eyes were wet. I know mine were."

"Do you know there are 1,300 ships in this harbour, never will we see such an armada. Many ships are sunk, practically all Japanese."

"I must tell you about the ship. Even after taking off all the troops, the place is packed. The cabins are made into dormitories. In ours we have bunks for 16 people. They are in tiers of three. We wash our own towels, make our own beds and clean up generally. Be sure you take a stool with you, and a thermos flask."

THE MENUS

"The food is excellent. Breakfast—steamed fruit, porridge, bacon and eggs, sometimes sausage and hash, or boiled eggs, but no choice tea or coffee, lovely rolls, butter and marmalade."

"Lunch—Soup, meat and garnished potatoe, pudding, rolls and butter, cheese, tea or coffee. Dinner is just the same as lunch."

SPLENDID LEAD

LONDON, SEPT. 26.—BOURNEMOUTH TO-DAY DECIDED UPON THE FORM ITS WAR MEMORIAL IS TO TAKE.

The town is going to build Memorial Houses on a large site set apart for the purpose to provide homes for disabled ex-Servicemen and their dependents.

It was also indicated that where possible ex-Servicemen will be given priority on all Bournemouth's new housing schemes. — Reuter.

KING AND QUEEN IN EDINBURGH

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LOCAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

POST OFFICE NOTICE

On Friday, 28th September, 1945, the present free local postal service will be discontinued, and all letters and postcards posted after 10 a.m. on that date must be properly stamped in accordance with the rates set out below.

Deliveries will be at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. to the following districts only: Central District, Wan Chai, Sheung Wan, Sham Shui Po, Kowloon Tong, Kowloon City, Kowloon and Hung Hom.

Mail should be posted at the General Post Office and Kowloon Central Post Office only.

Rates for local postage will, as from 28th September, 1945, be as follows:

Letters: 5 cents for each ounce or part of an ounce.

The limit of weight is 4 lbs.

The limits of size are:

Two feet in length, 18 inches in width and 18 inches in depth, or if made up in a form of a roll, 3 feet 3 inches for the length and twice the diameter combined, and 2 feet 8 inches for the greatest dimension.

Postcards: 2 cents.

No card may exceed 5 7/8 inches in length by 1 1/8 inches in width or be less than 4 inches in length by 2 3/4 inches in width.

The material for private cards to be used as postcards must be ordinary cardboard or paper not less than one-hundredth of an inch thick, and not more flexible than the postcards issued and sold by the Post Office.

The General Post Office and Kowloon Central Post Office will be open to the public for the sale of stamps from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily as from 28th September, 1945.

Members of the public are reminded that there is as yet no postal service to any destination outside the Colony, and no mail addressed to such destination can at present be accepted.

POST OFFICE NOTICE

All persons who have recently posted mail addressed to Macao are requested to call at the General Post Office between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Friday, 28th September, 1945.

A further notice regarding mail to Macao generally will be issued shortly.

J. B. H. LEE,
Acting Postmaster-General,
September 26th, 1945.

NOTICE

The following Mail is lying unclaimed at the Offices of the International Red Cross (Exchange Building, 2nd floor):—

AMY, Mrs. Ethel
ASKHAM, G.W.
BLANK, Dr. Joseph
CARR, G.W.
CHAMBERS, Susan St. Leger
CROFT, Mrs. A.R.
ECHOLES, Mr. Edward
ELLAM, J.G.
DREWERY, Mrs. J.
FLANAGAN, Mrs. Dorothea
Woolfe
GILMOUR, Mr. G.J.
HORNSEY, Sto. Petty Officer
W.M.
HUTCHINSON, Miss
Dorothy
KELLEY, Ernest J.
MACBETH, Doctor R.I.
MACGREGOR, Mrs. David
MAGEEN, Rev. Daniel
MCOLAND, Mrs. J.
MCGRATH, C.F.
PATEL, Mrs. Jal N.
PESTER, Ldg. Writer V.A.
(H.M.S. Peterel)
PILARE, Miss Josephine
ROBB, D.S.
SAMUEL, The Hon. Philip
SPEIGHT, William
TURNER, Mrs. B.
WARE, Dr. T.W.
WINSTON, Miss or Mrs. Artn
Long Foon
WU, Miss Beryl
YOUNG, Mr. Len
Hongkong, 24th September, 1945.

BRITISH MILITARY ADMINISTRATION HONGKONG

THE CUSTODIAN PROCLAMATION No. 10 OF 1945

TRADING WITH THE ENEMY ORDINANCE 1914

ENEMY PROPERTY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that under the above mentioned Proclamation I, REGINALD ANDREW WICKERSON, Acting Custodian of Property hereby require as follows:

1. Every person who has under his control or management any property in Hong Kong, Kowloon or the New Territories, real or personal (including any rights whether legal or equitable in or arising out of property real or personal) belonging to or in which the Japanese Naval Military or Civil Authorities or any Japanese, Formosan (Taiwanese), Korean or other Japanese National, firm or corporation now has or at any time since the 25th December, 1941, had any interest whatsoever shall furnish full particulars to me in writing at my office at 2nd Floor, Mercantile Bank Building, Queen's Road, Hong Kong the particulars specified in the SCHIEDULE hereto, together with a list of the documents of title (if any) and/or how ownership is claimed or possession derived.

2. Every Company incorporated in the Colony and every company which, though not incorporated in the Colony, has a share registration office in the Colony shall, by notice in writing, communicate to me at my office aforesaid, full particulars of all shares, stock, debentures and debenture stock and other obligations of the Company which are held by, or for the benefit of an enemy, and every partner of every firm, one or more partners of which are enemies or to which money had been lent for the purpose of the business of the firm by an enemy, shall by notice in writing communicate to me at my said office full particulars as to any share in profits and interest due to such enemies or enemy.

3. AND FURTHER any person who has knowledge of the whereabouts in Hong Kong, Kowloon or the New Territories of any goods merchandise or other property whatsoever of any Japanese Naval Military or Civil Authority, Japanese, Formosan (Taiwanese), or Korean or other Japanese National, firm or corporation should give notice thereof to me in writing at the said office.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that while there is no desire or intention to seize any goods property or merchandise legitimately owned by United Nations or neutral subjects or citizens, and full opportunity will be given to prove non-enemy ownership, any person who fails to make the return called for by this notice is liable to the penalties provided for by the aforementioned Proclamation and Ordinance.

R. A. WICKERSON,
Acting CUSTODIAN OF PROPERTY.

Hong Kong, 21st September, 1945.

The schedule referred to above is divided into five columns—1. Declarant, Name, Address, Tel. No. 2. Location of property, declared. 3. Full description property and approx. value. 4. Name and present address of enemy owner. 5. Person with whom arrangements for inspection can be made.

NOTICE

Dr. G. C. CANAVAL has resumed his Practice in Stock Exchange Building, 100 House Street, 2nd Floor.

Tel. Office: 21607. Residence: Peninsula Hotel.

DAVIE BOAG & CO., LTD.

We beg to announce that we have now occupied our former premises:—

Office—

Chartered Bank Building,

(1st floor).

Supplies Transport and Industry

Hong Kong, 25th September, 1945.

BRITISH MILITARY ADMINISTRATION HONG KONG

DELEGATION OF POWERS

(AMENDMENT)

PROCLAMATION NO. 4

Regulation No. 1

In exercise of the powers conferred upon me by Article 3 of the above mentioned Proclamation, I, DAVID MACDOUGALL, Brigadier, Chief Civil Affairs Officer, hereby make the following regulations:—

PRICE CONTROL

1. No person shall save under and in accordance with a permit of Colonel (C.A.) Supplies Transport and Industry or a person delegated by him (hereinafter referred to as "the competent authority") sell any commodity specified in the Schedule hereto at a price in excess of that specified opposite such commodity in the said Schedule.

2. The competent Authority may by notice in Hong Kong (British Military Administration) Gazette delete add to or vary any commodity in the Schedule or any price specified therein or may substitute a new Schedule for any Schedule from time to time in force.

3. No commodity specified in the Schedule hereto shall be sold unless there is displayed in a prominent position allied to the receptacle containing the commodity the selling price of such commodity and the quality or kind offered for sale.

4. Any person contravening the provisions of this regulation shall upon conviction of the Standing Military Court be liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 5 years or to a fine or to both such imprisonment and such fine.

SCHEDULE

Commodity	Maximum Retail price per catty
Flour, milled from local Wheat (1st quality)	H.K. 82.00
Flour, milled from local Wheat (2nd quality)	1.90
Peanut Oil (1st quality)	4.00
Peanut Oil (2nd quality)	8.80
Salt	0.25
Sugar, White Granulated	2.55
Sugar, Yellow	1.40
Sugar, Slab	2.15
Bread	4.00 per lb.

Given under my hand at Hong Kong this 26th day of September, 1945.

D. M. MACDOUGALL,
Brigadier,
Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

NOTICE

PRICE CONTROL

1. The attention of the public is called to Regulation No. 1 (Price Control) issued under the Delegation of Powers Amendment Proclamation, whereby it is forbidden to sell certain commodities at prices in excess of those specified.

2. The public are reminded that although no provision for forfeiture is made in the regulation itself this power is given to the Standing Military Court by Article 12 of the Military Court Proclamation (Proclamation No. 8).

3. All measures of price control, however, depend for their success upon public co-operation and it is hoped that members of the public will call the attention of Colonel (C.A.) Supplies Transport and Industry and the Police to any infringement of the regulation or other subsequent measures to enforce price control.

4. Careful consideration is being given to the question of prices but it has been felt that at the present time a start should be made with certain essential commodities.

A. BURGESS.

Colonel (C.A.)

King's Building, 2nd floor.

Two of the four sub-

Lieutenants assisting the Au-

stralian Red Cross unit in

King's Building, celebrated

their 21st birthday this week.

They are: Sub-Lieut. Atte-

burrrow and Sub-Lieut. Hod-

son of His Majesty's light

Fleet carrier "Vengeance."

Spanish Royalist Idea of Things

LONDON, SEPT. 26.—ACCORDING TO REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT IN SPAIN, GENERAL KINDELAN, COMMENTING ON THE MILITARY CRISIS IN THAT COUNTRY, YESTERDAY EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT A MILITARY COUP D'ETAT WAS NOT PROBABLE.

A MONARCHIST RESTORATION, DESIRED BY 80 PER CENT. OF THE POPULATION, HAD BEEN ANNOUNCED BY SEVERAL MINISTERS AND PROMISED BY GENERAL FRANCO, HE SAID. THEREFORE, WHY VIOLENTLY INTRODUCE WHAT WAS ABOUT TO COME PEACEFULLY ALONG JURIDICAL CHANNELS, HE ASKED.

General Kindelan emphatically does not consider a Republican solution to the present Spanish problem, and said that "any government formed by exiled Spaniards would be unanimously rejected, not only by Right-Wingers but also by the Left Wing party who bear a deep grudge against the leaders who forsook them at the time of defeat and fled abroad."

Alternatives to a monarchy or republic do not exist as a successor to the Franco regime. Rather, the alternatives are monarchy or civil war. The whole of the army and millions of Spaniards would fight against the exiles.

The summary shooting and assassination during the Republican regime are too recent to be forgotten, and we Spaniards believe that two thorough experiments of the Republican regime are sufficient proof that this form of Government is not suitable for Spain.

DON JUAN'S AGENT

General Kindelan was relieved of his post as director of the highest military college in Spain last August. Though no reason was given, it was generally supposed it was because he was a leading monarchist and acting as the representative of Don Juan within Spain, since the agent appointed by the Pretender, Prince Alfonso of Orleans Bourbon, had been under house arrest for several months.

Reuter adds that this is the first clear, authoritative statement made by anyone of consequence inside Spain as to what may happen to the Franco regime since the Potsdam Conference decision not to consider any application put forward by the present Spanish government for membership in the United Nations circle. — Reuter.

SPANISH EXILES' RALLY

NEW YORK, SEPT. 26.—M. NOVIKOV, ACTING SOVIET AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES, YESTERDAY CALLED GENERAL FRANCISCO FRANCO, A "HIRELING OF HITLER AND MUSSOLINI" AND DECLARED THAT HE SHOULD BE PROSECUTED AS A WAR CRIMINAL.

M. Novikov, who was speaking at a mass rally in a "salute to Spanish Republicans" said that by his aggressive actions against the Soviet Union, General Franco put himself on the same level with Hitler and Mussolini, and in the same measure as they should be subject to prosecution as war criminals.

He continued that "the regime of Fascist dictatorship in Spain will be abolished." Nowhere in the world would the re-establishment of democracy in Spain be more welcome than in the Soviet Union. M. Novikov declared.

"FRANCO TERROR"

Dr. Juan Negrin, former Premier of Spain, sent a message to the rally from Mexico, stating that "as long as the Fascist regime survives in Spain, the danger of resurgence of Fascism in Europe and Spanish-speaking America will hang over us."

From Toulouse, Senora Dolores Inbarri, Spain's Republican woman leader, sent a plea to put an end to the Franco terror" and asking all democratic governments to break off diplomatic relations with Franco-Spain. — Reuter.

Hirohito Grants Interview

CORRESPONDENCE

FAIR PLAY

Sir.—Before you read any further don't get me wrong. All I would like to see is fair play. This afternoon I happened to see a party of Japanese prisoners-of-war returning to Queen's Pier after doing some fatigue work on the island. They were under two guards and were followed by a dozen street urchins who were occasionally throwing stones at them. When they eventually reached the pier, almost running to keep up with the long stride of one of the guards, the urchins put up quite a barrage of stones. This surely should be stopped, forcibly if necessary. The two guards had 30 odd men to look after and they could not leave them to deal with the urchins. The answer appears to be the use of a truck and incidents such as this would thus be avoided.

BRITON.

SYMPATHY PLEA

TOKYO, Sept. 26.—Prince Takamatsu, brother of Emperor Hirohito, pleaded to-day for American sympathy toward the Japanese people in their sincere endeavour for peace. Japan should regain her rightful place in the comity of nations by stabilizing her nationalists and inaugurating a healthy society. — Associated Press.

MACAO PROBLEM

H.K.V.D.C. personnel now on leave in Macao will be returning to Hong Kong to-day. Owing to various difficulties, it will not be possible to bring back any of their families for the time being.

Every effort is however being made to return these families to Hong Kong as soon as preparations can be completed. All concerned are asked to have patience in the knowledge that everything possible is being done.

Mails or cables are waiting at Volunteer Headquarters for: Mr. S. O. Hill; Major V. C. Brandon; Capt. K. M. A. Barnett; 2nd Lt. W. Stoker; Pte. G. A. Arnold; Mr. Thomas S. McKenna; Mr. G. E. L. Johnson; Mrs. Lillian Shaw; and Miss Minnie Maxwell.

King Christian of Denmark was 75 yesterday and the occasion was made one of special celebration in Copenhagen. — Reuter.

STREET CLASHES IN SAIGON

Rioting Resumed

Yesterday

SAIGON, SEPT. 26.
SEVERAL ANNAMITES HAVE BEEN WOUNDED IN THE CLASHES WHICH HAVE OCCURRED IN SAIGON SINCE THE FRENCH RELEASED PRISONERS OF WAR TOOK MATTERS INTO THEIR OWN HANDS, AND A 9 O'CLOCK CURFEW HAS NOW BEEN IMPOSED.

MAJOR GENERAL GRACEY SAID 600 ADDITIONAL BRITISH AND INDIAN TROOPS HAVE NOW ARRIVED BY PLANE AND HAVE LAUNCHED A HOUSE-BY-HOUSE SEARCH FOR WEAPONS AND ARE CLEARING BARRIERS FROM THE MAIN BOULEVARD AND HIGHWAYS TO ENABLE FRESH FOODSTUFFS TO ENTER THE CITY. MARKETS HAVE BEEN CLOSED FOR TWO DAYS.

Correspondents were informed that Japanese troops in southern Indo-China still are armed and guarding allied property. An officer said: "Actually the Japanese still have the most powerful force here. They are in charge and could clear out the Allied forces in one

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PROCLAMATION No. 10.
ARTICLE 9 APPOINTMENT

In exercise of the power conferred upon me by Article 3 of the above-mentioned Proclamation, I, DAVID MERCER MACDOUGALL, Chief Civil Affairs Officer, Hong Kong, HEREBY APPOINT REGINALD ANDREW WICKERSON to be Assistant Custodian of Property in the Colony of Hong Kong and to be acting Custodian of Property.

Dated this 21st day of September, 1945.

D. M. MacDougall,
Brigadier,
Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

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25th September, 1945.

NOTICE

I have re-opened my Office in Room No. 250, Prince's Building, Telephone No. 31136.

M. Nomazoo.

FILIPINOS NEED AID

Manila, Sept. 26.—President Osmeña left by plane to-day for the United States "to present problems and needs of the Philippines personally in Washington. "We Filipinos sustained the greatest loss among all American nationals during the war and we urgently need help."—Associated Press.

Enrolled As A Buck Private

DEFINITE NEWS HAS BEEN RECEIVED OF CPL. ALEXANDER V. KOLATCHOFF, OF 930 ENGINEER AVIATION REGIMENT, U.S. ARMY AIR FORCE, WHO WRITES FROM LUI-CHOW.

Corporal Kolatchoff, a Hong Kong University graduate, holds the record, shared by some former Chinese employees of the Royal Naval Dockyard, of having served in both the British and American forces.

He was, for almost a year prior to the Japanese attack on Hong Kong, in the service of the Royal Engineers as a works inspector. During the hostilities here he was attached to the regular R.E. forces with the rank of Staff-Sergeant and saw active service at Lyceum with the Canadians and in the Mount Davis area.

He was instrumental, through detailed mapping knowledge of the labyrinth of Chinese pathways in the Pokfulam area in guiding back to town on the night of December 24-25 a rear-guard unit of the H.K.V.D.C. who had been partially surrounded.

On December 26, he received official sanction to abandon uniform and seek his way out of Hong Kong as best he could.

BOGUS LETTER

Lack of sufficient Cantonese and the danger of falling foul of a Japanese patrol necessitated careful planning and an exit was finally made possible by a bogus letter posted from an obliging Chinese at Kwangchowwan requesting his services with the Public Works Office at Fort Bayard.

Permit to leave for Kwangchowwan was granted by the Gendarmerie after several applications had been put in on the occasion of new Gendarmerie reshuffles. He left by boat toward the end of September 1942 in company with two Jesuit fathers.

He arrived at Kweilin on October 26, 1942, in the midst of a Japanese air-raid. Hong Kong was bombed for the first time by the U.S. Air Force on the same day.

He immediately reported to the British Military Mission, but found his first job with two other Russian escapees from Hong Kong, Valessuk, a radio-technologist, and Souranoff, of the Hong Kong Police, with the Special Ordnance Section of the United States Army.

TOUGH GOING

He describes working conditions in April 1943: "We worked on a project with a handful of Chinese for about three months." Salary was just sufficient to keep body and soul together. Everything was so darned expensive. We could not even buy a pair of shoes to replace those we had worn out while carrying out reconnaissance survey of the Kweilin area. Rain, mud, leeches and the heat of the sun almost drove me crazy. We were living in tents miles from town and with no transportation at all."

In July 1943, the British Army Aid Group recommended him to Gen. Stilwell's attention on an American request for technical staff and he was enrolled as a "Buck Private" with the U.S. A.A.F.

Col. L. T. Rice, a professor in the school of medicine at Hong Kong University, offered him the alternative of the Officer's Candidate School at Calcutta or a start from the ranks under Gen. Stilwell.

Here is an extract from the letter:

"Am writing this from memory with all clothes off here at Luchow sweating out a possible transfer to Shanghai. I will probably be discharged there."

"We were on the road to Tanchu when received news at Ma Chung Ping of the Jap proposal to surrender. I felt elated and at the same time miserable, for we were miles away from the coast with destination unknown."

You cannot keep these lawn bowlers down. They cannot play locally at the moment but there is already a movement afoot to secure the names of interested bowlers with a view to playing in England during the enforced leave. The name of the secretary and his home address will be announced shortly in these columns.

LOCAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.

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September 25th, 1945.

NOTICE

MR. CHAN KWAN PO is acting temporarily as Secretary of the University of Hong Kong. All letters should be addressed to him at the University, Pokfulam. Telephone 28056.

S. V. BOXER,
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BRITISH MILITARY
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PROCLAMATION NO. 8
ARTICLE 5

I, DAVID MERCER MACDOUGALL, Brigadier, Chief Civil Affairs Officer, hereby appoint:

LEO D'ALMADA E CASTRO to be Vice-President and

FERDINAND GERALD NIGEL, Lieutenant, H.K.V.D.C., and

KWAN CHO YIU to be Members of the Standing Military Court

ARTICLE 8
and I, hereby authorize each of them the said

LEO D'ALMADA E CASTRO and FERDINAND GERALD NIGEL to hold a Summary Military Court Class I, sitting alone and the said

KWAN CHO YIU to hold a Summary Military Court Class II, sitting alone.

D. M. MACDOUGALL, Brigadier, Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

23rd September, 1945.

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HEADQUARTERS, BRITISH
MILITARY ADMINISTRATION

Will any person having any knowledge of the circumstances under which Captain Jowall and six others were killed at Aberdeen in a tug in December 1941 please communicate with Major J. C. Riddell, China Command HQ.

Information is particularly required as to the date of death and the place of burial.

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THE "CARETAKER" OFFICIALS AT THE AMERICAN CONSULATE-GENERAL IN HONG KONG ARE BEING INUNDATED.

Inundated with enquiries and requests upon trifling matters, which can very well be left until things are more normal.

Patient officials have at last protested.

Captain Charles Fenn, USMC, told the "China Mail" yesterday:

"I believe it is not sufficient to realize in Hong Kong that the whole world is still standing on its head following the terrible war that has so recently been concluded.

Compared with most other places I have been to Hong Kong is a paradise with conditions far more stable, far more agreeable, and far more promising than in other war areas.

I do not say that thousands of Chinese here are not hungry, badly housed and with bad sanitary conditions, but I do say that many people leaving Hong Kong will be a shock when they go to other places, particularly Europe or China, and find what was really done to thousands and thousands of square miles and to millions and millions of people.

Meanwhile, people in Hong Kong might give a little thought to the simple fact that millions of American, British and other Allied troops have risked their lives that Hong Kong and other places might be delivered from the enemy, and to the further fact that these millions are still waiting to get home to their loved ones. "If you wish you may quote me.

Long Trip To Save Dollars

LONDON, Sept. 26. TO AVOID USING THE PANAMA CANAL, DUES FOR WHICH HAVE TO BE PAID IN DOLLARS, THE BRITISH MINISTRY OF WAR TRANSPORT LAST NIGHT ISSUED INSTRUCTIONS ALTERING ROUTES OF SHIPS SAILING FROM AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND TO BRITAIN.

Ships from New Zealand will, in future, normally travel via Cape Horn although in certain cases they may be routed via Suez.

In the case of ships from Australia, coal-burners will sail via the Cape of Good Hope and oil-burners via Suez. The Canal dues on shipping between Britain and New Zealand, via the Panama Canal, have been paid in dollar currency at the rate of nearly £300,000 per year.

The route from New Zealand to Britain, via Cape Horn, which shipping will now take, is 1000 miles longer than the route via the Panama Canal. — Reuter.

TRIBUTE TO HALSEY

Washington, Sept. 26.—A proposal was made in the House to day that Admiral William Halsey's flagship, the U.S.S. Enterprise, be made a national shrine to commemorate the fighting spirit of the U.S. Navy in the Pacific and European wars.

It was urged that the ship be put in a class with the old frigate, "Constitution."

"Enterprise" fought in the Pacific throughout the war with Japan, surviving the dark days when every other major-carrier was out of action. It escorted the carrier "Hornet," from which General Doolittle's air raiders took off for the 1942 raid on Japan. — Associated Press.

LEE WAI TONG

According to information received by Charles Ying, Secretary, South China Athletic Association, Lee Wai Tong, the Chinese football idol, and secretary of The Swedish Trading Co., is now secretary to Lee Kwock-chun, Chief of Police, Canton.

He was here when Hong Kong was occupied by the Japanese, but managed to get away. He finally joined General Heung Ho Ping, the C-in-C of the Guerrilla Troops in the East River District.

Rangoon, Sept. 26.—The disarming of Japanese in Burma has begun. Two divisions will be disarmed in the next two days. — Reuter.

SOVIET'S LATEST DEMAND Blunt Rejoinder By U.S. Secretary Of State Uneasy Situation

FRITZ WIEDEMAN ARRESTED

Manila, Sept. 26.—Fritz Wiedeman, German Consul in San Francisco before the war, has been apprehended by Allied forces and is being flown to the United States under guard.

Wiedeman, who was one of Adolf Hitler's superior officers in World War I, was generally considered one of the principal Nazi representatives in the United States before the war. The report of his being in custody did not state where he was picked up. — Associated Press.

WHAT JAPAN WILL FACE

TOKYO, Sept. 26.—GENERAL MACARTHUR DECLARED TODAY THAT JAPAN MIGHT BE OCCUPIED FOR MANY YEARS ALTHOUGH THE OCCUPATION FORCE WOULD BE SMALL "UNDER FAVOURABLE CIRCUMSTANCES." HE DENIED REPORTS THAT THE OCCUPATION MIGHT END IN SIX MONTHS.

The Ministry of Agriculture announced that all but 75,000 of Japan's 1,225,000 acres of nut-berry trees would be plowed up for food crops. Such a step will be a heavy blow to the nation's silk production.

The "Nippon Times" reported that MacArthur had banned all films of a militaristic or ultra-nationalistic character.

Additional veteran American troops have landed at Aomori port in northern Honshu. Destroyers and cruisers covered the landing of the 81st Division, the outfit that won Angaur island in the Palau group and help win Peleliu.

Lt. General Robert Eichelberger, of the Eighth Army, which is occupying the Tokyo-Yokohama region, has announced the selection of Moatox on a tiny Tokyo Bay island, for the imprisonment of Japanese war criminal prisoners.

During the war, the camp housed American prisoners-of-war. Eichelberger commented: "It was good enough for Americans and I think it is good enough for these Japs. We are giving it a D.D.T. insecticide treatment and that's all. (D.D.T. is a war-developed health weapon that kills flies and other insects when sprayed from airplanes).

He said that more than a score of prisoners now held in Yokohama would be transferred to the island. — Associated Press.

SEAC ON CENSORSHIP

Singapore, Sept. 26.—The South-east Asia Command announced today an immediate cessation of press censorship, but brought the attention of all correspondents to the Official Secrets Act, particularly as it affects clandestine organizations.

The announcement requested that non-British correspondents conform to instructions imposed on the British press by the Official Secrets Act, the restrictions are for protection against agents who work against the allied cause. — Associated Press.

ALL IS OK.

Long Beach, Calif., Sept. 26.—Patrick Hurley, U.S. Ambassador to China, arrived here in an army transport plane enroute to Washington and said: "I'll make my official report to the Secretary of State and President Truman. It isn't a bad report at all."

He declined to discuss the Chinese situation except to say: "Most of the difficulty has been washed out. We will be able to get along all right." — Associated Press.

San Francisco, Sept. 26.—Eleven employees of Pan-American Airways who were captured on Guam and Wake Islands early in the war returned to day to the United States. They were greeted by a 700 Pan-American employees and hundred of others. — Associated Press.

Nanking, Sept. 26.—Chinese underground personnel reported to-day that the Japanese succeeded during their years of occupation in spreading opium addiction and prostitution on a wide scale. — Associated Press.

Developing UNEASY SITUATION

LONDON, Sept. 26.—MR. BYRNES, THE U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE, DECLARED BLUNTLY TO-DAY THAT HE HAD NOT COME FROM WASHINGTON BRIEFED TO DISCUSS AN ALLIED COMMISSION FOR JAPAN. HE MADE THIS COMMENT AFTER RUSSIA HAD SPRUNG ANOTHER MAJOR SURPRISE AT THE COUNCIL OF FOREIGN MINISTERS BY SUDDENLY RAISING MATTERS OF FAR EASTERN INTEREST.

FOLLOWING HIS REVELATION, LAST WEEK, OF RUSSIAN AIM IN THE MEDITERRANEAN, THE SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTER, M. VIACHESLAV MOLOTOV, IS NOW UNDERSTOOD TO HAVE TAKEN UP QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE NATURE OF JOINT ALLIED CONTROL OF JAPAN.

The Soviet move is all the more unexpected since no Far Eastern questions had hitherto been listed, either in the Potsdam agenda for the Council or in the working agenda established at the beginning of the Council's meetings.

It is understood, writes Sylvain Mangat, Reuter's diplomatic correspondent, that no final decision has yet been reached as to whether the Japanese question should be discussed during the present sessions, but if the matter does come up it will be difficult to see how the rumours of the impending departures of the Ministers from London can be correct.

NO DECISION ON ADJOURNMENT

So far, it is authoritatively learned that no decision on the date of departure of the ministers has been taken, despite reports from Paris that the Ministers would leave London to-day, leaving their deputies to carry on.

One explanation offered for the sudden raising by the Soviet delegation of the decree of joint Allied responsibility for the control of Japan is that it is a reaction to the recent attitude of "hands off Japan" taken in some American circles.

Another is that the Russians were both surprised and disappointed at the American failure to support their claim to Tripolitania when the question of the disposal of Italian colonies was prompted by the desire for a free American hand in the Far East.

The Russians, therefore, decided to lose no time in making clear Russia's intention to stake her claim in that theatre. — "VERY DIFFICULT"

The Dominion view of the present uneasy situation in London came to-day from the New Zealand Prime Minister, Mr. Peter Fraser, who declared that "no country can be allowed to dominate others," adding that the Allies would be hiding things from their own sight if they did not realize that the position was "very difficult at the moment." — Reuter.

FORMAL REQUEST

London, Sept. 26.—The Soviet Foreign Minister, M. Molotov, was reported to-day as having asked the Big Five Council of Foreign Ministers for the creation of an inter-Ally Commission as part of General MacArthur's administrative machinery, giving Russia a voice in determining MacArthur's policies in Japan.

Objections to his proposal were reportedly made on the ground that the conference was called only to discuss European affairs. — Associated Press.

Amoy Also Waits

AN ARRIVAL FROM AMOY YESTERDAY TOLD THE "CHINA MAIL" THAT THE CITY IS QUIET AND THE JAPANESE THERE APPEAR TO BE WAITING FOR ALLIED TROOPS TO OCCUPY THE PORT AND DISARM THEM.

Only one serious incident occurred. Two days after the first rumours came of Japanese capitulation, the Chinese population began to celebrate by firing crackers, and Japanese troops opened up fire with machine-guns.

Our informant added that he understood that there were still two British women in Amoy, internees, who had been sent to Kulangsu.

NAZIS IN PROPER PLACE

Berlin, Sept. 25.—The Allied Commission has warned German business men that they may not employ known members of the Nazi Party except in the capacity of common labourers. — Reuter.

Phillips Wins Fight

LONDON, Sept. 26.—THE BRITISH CRUISER-WEIGHT CHAMPION EDDIE PHILLIPS MADE A SUCCESSFUL COMEBACK AFTER AN ABSENCE OF SIX YEARS WHEN, AT ALBERT HALL LAST NIGHT, HE BEAT THE SWEDISH HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION, TANDBERG, ON POINTS AFTER EIGHT ROUNDS.

The winner has been promised a fight with the British heavyweight champion, Bruce Woodcock, who saw the fight and was introduced in the ring.

After a cautious start, it was soon obvious that Phillips' judgment of distance was not what it used to be, but he knew too much for the Swede. In addition he hit much harder and though he kept covering and stopping left leads, he managed to do greater damage when it came to infighting, often scoring with left and right hooks.

In the third round Phillips ran into a heavy left which opened a nasty cut in his right eye, but in the next round he jumped into action with two-fisted attack and was undoubtedly master of the ring.

Tanberg was game but he often hit with an open glove, thereby failing to score, and was also warned three times for holding.

Towards the end Phillips put on great pressure, hitting the Swede almost at will and the referee, Jack Hart, had no hesitation in holding up Phillips' hand as the winner immediately the final gong sounded.

At the end of the fight both men looked the worse for wear, both having cut eyes. Phillips weighed in at 13½ stone, conceding exactly one stone to his opponent. — Reuter.

Germany Begins To Pay

BERLIN, Sept. 26.—ALMOST EVERY ASPECT OF LIFE FOR MANY YEARS TO COME IS AFFECTED BY A PROCLAMATION ISSUED TO-DAY BY THE ALLIED COMMISSION.

The main provisions require the payment by the Germans of the cost of occupation, and the control of the mass expulsion of Germans from territories outside the 1937 frontiers.

All military formations and organisations including the General Staff are completely and finally abolished and any group which might develop military characteristics will be prohibited.

German authorities are told they must furnish all information and documents for the trial of their leaders and to comply with Allied orders concerning property rights and titles of persons affected by racial or political discrimination enforced by the later rule.

Production and acquisition of war material and possession of aircraft is forbidden, and Germans must hand over all gold, silver and platinum. — Reuter.

GANDHI'S BIRTHDAY

London, Sept. 26.—INDIAN NATIONALIST QUARTERS here are arranging to celebrate Gandhi's 76th birthday on October 2. A meeting under the auspices of the India League will be held at Friends' Meeting House, with Mr. Ian Bobbie, M.P., in the chair.

Speakers at the meeting will include Mr. P. C. Bhambhani, the Rev. Henry Carter, Mr. Lester Hutchinson, Dr. Maude Royden and the Imam of the Mosque at Woking. — Reuter.

OFF TO GOOD START

London, Sept. 26.—LIVERPOOL'S SAVINGS WEEK has got off to an excellent start. The goal of the city is twelve million pounds sterling. Nine millions has already been collected. — Reuter.

RADIO

THURSDAY, 27th SEPTEMBER, 1945.

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12.00 p.m.—Dance Music.

1.00 p.m.—News & Announcements.

1.05 p.m.—Rachmaninoff—Suite No. 2 for Two Pianos.

1.25 p.m.—Beethoven—Concerto No. 3 in C Minor.

2.00 p.m.—Close Down.

6.30 p.m.—Film Selections.

7.00 p.m.—News & Announcements.

7.10 p.m.—Musical Comedy.

7.40 p.m.—Patricia Bosworth, Eddie & Doris Watson & others in Variety.

8.30 p.m.—Haydn—"Clock" Symphony in D Minor.

9.00 p.m.—News & Announcements.

9.10 p.m.—A Concert by Do Greet & His Orchestra with Dennis Noble (Vocal) and Nan Maryan (Soprano).

10.00 p.m.—LONDON Relay—News & Sidelines from the Papers.

10.10 p.m.—Dance Music.

10.30 p.m.—Close Down.

Rome, Sept. 26.—The Italian Prime Minister, Signor Farini, has called the first meeting of the Italian Consultive Assembly. It will advise the Government of matters of urgent importance and prepare the way for the election of a fully representative body. — Reuter.

Melbourne, Sept. 26.—Australian troops have reached Macau and are taking steps to feed them and put them to work on street-cleaning projects.

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